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SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FOR 1960

AREA OF DISTRICT IN ACRES	7,353
POPULATION (CENSUS 1921)	31,088
(CENSUS 1931)	...	...	...	...	...	30,970
(CENSUS 1951)	...	...	...	...	...	28,826
ESTIMATED POPULATION FOR BIRTH & DEATH RATES 1960	...	...	...	...	...	28,150
NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES (31/12/60)	...	...	...	...	...	7,726
NUMBER OF PERSONS PER HOUSE	...	...	...	...	...	3.6
RATEABLE VALUE, 1ST APRIL, 1961 (ESTIMATED)	...	...	...	...	...	£214,312
PRODUCT OF PENNY RATE, 1960-61	...	...	...	...	...	£812
NUMBER OF BIRTHS	...	...	...	...	...	499
NET BIRTH RATE	...	...	...	...	...	17.73
NUMBER OF ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS	...	...	...	...	...	18
NUMBER OF DEATHS OF RESIDENTS	...	...	...	...	...	296
NET DEATH RATE	...	...	...	...	...	10.5
NUMBER OF DEATHS UNDER 1 YEAR	...	...	...	...	...	18
OF THESE THERE WERE ILLEGITIMATE	...	...	...	...	...	NIL
INFANTILE MORTALITY, PER 1,000 BIRTHS	...	...	...	...	...	36.1
NUMBER OF WOMEN DYING FROM CHILDBIRTH	...	...	...	...	...	NIL
NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM ALL FORMS OF TUBERCULOSIS	...	...	...	...	...	4
NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM ALL FORMS OF INFLUENZA	...	...	...	...	...	2
NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM ALL FORMS OF BRONCHITIS	...	...	...	...	...	25
NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM ALL FORMS OF PNEUMONIA	...	...	...	...	...	13
NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM ALL FORMS OF MEASLES	...	...	...	...	...	NIL
NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM ALL FORMS OF CIRCULATORY DISEASES	...	...	...	...	...	111
NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM ALL FORMS OF CANCER	...	...	...	...	...	36

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
1950	626	319
1951	577	394
1952	563	300
1953	554	333
1954	534	327
1955	492	319
1956	537	313
1957	527	332
1958	500	285
1959	463	304
1960	499	296

BEDWELLY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,

MUNICIPAL OFFICES,

ABERBARGOED,

BARGOED, GLAM.

22ND AUGUST, 1961.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
BEDWELLY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

MR. CHAIRMAN, MRS. BAKER AND GENTLEMEN,

THE FACT THAT WE HAD FOUR SUICIDES DURING THE YEAR, WHICH IS EXCESSIVELY HIGH FOR OUR POPULATION, PLUS THE FACT THAT THE MENTAL HEALTH ACT, 1959 LARGELY CAME INTO OPERATION, MADE ME DECIDE TO WRITE SOMETHING ON MENTAL HEALTH, PROMPTED ALSO BY A NEWSPAPER REPORT OF A PSYCHIATRIST WHO SAID THAT ONLY A SMALL PROPORTION OF SUICIDE EVER SOUGHT ADVICE FOR A MENTAL DISORDER.

A LOT HAS BEEN SAID ABOUT THE ACT, BUT IT MUST BE VERY FEW PEOPLE WHO UNDERSTAND IT THOROUGHLY, SO MUCH LEGAL AND MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE BEING NECESSARY FOR THE PURPOSE. AFTER THE ACTS I STUDIED FOR THE D.P.H., IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE MENTAL HEALTH ACT WOULD REQUIRE A COURSE OF LECTURES OF ABOUT THE SAME DURATION FOR SOMEBODY WHO WAS TO BE RESPONSIBLE TO ADMINISTER THE WHOLE OF THE ACT. IT HAS NINE PARTS AND EIGHT SCHEDULES AND BESIDES FREQUENT REFERENCES FROM ONE SECTION TO ANOTHER IT REFERS IN ALL TO EIGHTY-TWO ACTS OF PARLIAMENT AND COMPLETELY REPEALS FOURTEEN OF THESE (EIGHTH SCHEDULE) AND THERE ARE ABOUT TWO HUNDRED REPEALS AND AMENDMENTS (SEVENTH AND EIGHTH SCHEDULES) WHICH WOULD SEEM TO MEAN THAT MANY EXPERTS REFERRING TO OLDER LEGISLATION ARE LIABLE TO GET CAUGHT OUT UNLESS THEY MADE THEMSELVES FAMILIAR WITH THIS VERY IMPORTANT ACT. AT LEAST ONE CAN SEE THAT IT IS THE WORK OF PERSONS POSSESSING BOTH GREAT KNOWLEDGE AND ENERGY.

TO WHAT EXTENT IS THE ACT THE RESULT OF PROGRESS ALREADY MADE AND TO WHAT EXTENT DOES IT COMPEL OR GUIDE WORKERS ONTO NEW TERRAIN? THE TENDENCY OF RECENT LEGISLATION HAS BEEN TO UTILISE THE GREAT RECENT ADVANCES IN PSYCHIATRIC MEDICINE BY ENCOURAGING ADMISSION IN THE EARLIER AND CURABLE STAGES. THE RESULT HAS BEEN THAT INSTEAD OF AWAITING THE TIME WHEN PATIENTS ARE CERTIFIABLE AND VERY MUCH MORE DIFFICULT TO CURE, IN ORDER TO AVOID THE STIGMA OF ADMISSION, PATIENTS HAVE BEEN ADMITTED ON THEIR OWN INITIATIVE AND A MUCH FREER AND EASIER ATMOSPHERE IN PSYCHIATRIC WARDS HAS REPLACED THE OLD SYSTEM OF REGIMENTATION, AND THERE HAS BEEN A REDUCTION IN THE NUMBERS OF STAFF REQUIRED WHILST MOST PATIENTS HAVE A FAIR MEASURE OF FREEDOM IN AND OUTSIDE THE HOSPITAL GROUNDS.

PART I REPEALS PAST LEGISLATION, DISSOLVES THE BOARD OF CONTROL AND SETS UP MENTAL HEALTH REVIEW TRIBUNALS, ONE TO EACH REGIONAL BOARD, DEFINES AND CLASSIFIES THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF MENTAL TROUBLE IN KINDER TERMS AND REPLACES VOLUNTARY

ADMISSION WITH INFORMAL ADMISSION, THESE MEASURES APPEARING TO BE AIDING AND AUGMENTING THE TRENDS OF MODERN PSYCHIATRY. SCHEDULE I DEALS WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH REVIEW TRIBUNALS IN DETAIL. PART II THEN MAKES SWEEPING CHANGES IN CARE AND AFTER-CARE GIVING THAT TASK TO LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES VERY MUCH AS THOUGH MENTAL ILLNESS WAS THE SAME AS "ANY OTHER ILLNESS" FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION 23 OF THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1948 (SECTION 6).

"(A) THE PROVISION, EQUIPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION, AND THE CARE OF PERSONS FOR THE TIME BEING RESIDENT IN ACCOMMODATION SO PROVIDED;

(B) THE PROVISION OF CENTRES OR OTHER FACILITIES FOR TRAINING OR OCCUPATION AND THE EQUIPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF SUCH CENTRES;

(C) THE APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS TO ACT AS MENTAL WELFARE OFFICERS UNDER THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT;

(D) THE EXERCISE BY THE LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY OF THEIR FUNCTIONS UNDER THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT IN RESPECT OF PERSONS PLACED UNDER GUARDIANSHIP THEREUNDER (WHETHER SO PLACED UNDER THE GUARDIANSHIP OF THE LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY OR OF OTHER PERSONS); AND

(E) THE PROVISION OF ANY ANCILLARY OR SUPPLEMENTARY SERVICES FOR OR FOR THE BENEFIT OF ANY SUCH PERSONS AS ARE REFERRED TO IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION."

THE NEXT TWO SECTIONS GIVE THE MINISTER POWER TO MAKE REGULATIONS, PRESUMABLY TO ENCOURAGE SUCCESSFUL VENTURES AND PERMIT A LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY TO CARE FOR THE ELDERLY INSANE. IN FACT, HERE IS TREMENDOUS SCOPE FOR ADVANCEMENT IN THE FIELD OF PUBLIC HEALTH, THE EFFECTS OF WHICH WILL MAKE THEMSELVES APPARENT OVER THE YEARS TO COME. MUCH OF PART II THEN DEALS WITH CHILDREN AND SCHEDULE II OF THE ACT WITH CLASSIFICATION OF CHILDREN FROM THE AGE OF TWO REPLACING SECTION 57 OF THE EDUCATION ACT, 1944. THE PURPOSE OF THE REST OF THE ACT SEEMS TO SEW UP EVERYTHING QUITE TIGHTLY WHICH CAN POSSIBLY HAPPEN TO ANY PERSON WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS OF ANY SORT. THE MENTAL WELFARE OFFICER IS FREQUENTLY MENTIONED AND HE HAS MANY DIFFICULT DUTIES TO PERFORM. TO HIM WOULD-BE SUICIDES MAY TURN, TO SEE IF THERE IS NO OTHER WAY OUT OF THEIR DIFFICULTIES.

LASTLY, THE ACT WOULD APPEAR TO GIVE SOME SCOPE FOR A CONCERTED DRIVE AGAINST PSYCHOSOMATIC DISORDERS. THESE ARE CONDITIONS WHERE A PATIENT SUFFERING FROM A MENTAL DISORDER COMPLAINS OF BODILY SYMPTOMS AND MAY ALSO PRESENT PHYSICAL SIGNS SUGGESTING PHYSICAL DISEASE AND USUALLY RELATED TO SOME PARTICULAR ORGAN OR "SYSTEM" OF THE BODY. THESE MAY BE SINGLE AS IN HEADACHE, DIZZINESS, BACKACHE, OR FORM THEMSELVES INTO FAMILIAR PATTERNS KNOWN AS "SYNDROMES". THESE INCLUDE EFFORT SYNDROME, WHICH INCLUDES THE OLD TERM "SOLDIER'S HEART" AND HAS MANY VARIATIONS, VARIOUS FORMS OF SKIN TROUBLE, "PSYCHOGENIC RHEUMATISM" THE LOW BACK SYNDROME AND ALLIED STATES, DISEASES OF THE DIGESTIVE SYSTEM INCLUDING NERVOUS DYSPEPSIA, CONSTIPATION AND COLITIS, AND CERTAIN FORMS OF EYE TROUBLE.

THE SYMPTOMS ARE VERY REAL AND DISTRESSING TO THE PATIENT AND MAY ALSO BE CONVINCING OF ORGANIC DISEASE TO THE MEDICAL PROFESSION, UNTIL A PROPER INVESTIGATION IS CARRIED OUT AND IT ALL CLEARS UP WITH PSYCHOTHERAPY.

"MAN CONSCIOUSLY OR UNCONSCIOUSLY, PREFERS A SOMATIC INTERPRETATION OF HIS SUFFERING, RATHER THAN THE ADMISSION TO HIS DOCTOR, OR EVEN TO HIMSELF, THAT HE IS NOT MASTER OF HIS MENTAL FATE OR CAPTAIN OF HIS PSYCHOLOGICAL SOUL. THUS IT IS, THAT WHEN EMOTION EXPRESSES ITSELF IN BODILY MANIFESTATIONS AS IT ALWAYS DOES WHEN STRONG, THE PATIENT'S MENTAL CONSTITUTION PREDISPOSES HIM TO ACCEPT SUCH MANIFESTATIONS AS THOSE OF BODILY DISEASE AND SO THOSE OF RATIONAL EXPLANATION OF HIS FEELINGS."

BY THE TIME THE PATIENT HAS BEEN TO HIS FAMILY DOCTOR OVER POSSIBLY A LONG PERIOD, THEN BEEN THROUGH AN IN-PATIENT INVESTIGATION IN A GENERAL HOSPITAL AND FINALLY REFERRED TO A PSYCHIATRIST, THE PATIENT'S CONDITION MAY HAVE DETERIORATED INTO A CHRONIC STATE, AND BE CORRESPONDINGLY DIFFICULT TO CURE COMPLETELY.

"IT IS, OF COURSE, THE GENERAL PRACTITIONER WITH HIS INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF HIS PATIENTS WHO SHOULD BE THE PERSON TO REALIZE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE VARIOUS SOMATIC SYMPTOMS PRESENTED TO HIM. UNFORTUNATELY, THE GENERAL PRACTITIONER, WITHOUT THE MEANS OF INVESTIGATION AT HIS IMMEDIATE DISPOSAL, MAY FEEL THAT IT IS IMPRUDENT TO DIAGNOSE A PSYCHIATRIC CONDITION ON CLINICAL GROUNDS, SO THE CASE IS TRANSFERRED TO A SPECIALIST WHO DOES NOT KNOW THE IMPORTANT BACKGROUND OF THE CASE..... WE ARE MANY OF US MUCH TOO AFRAID OF GIVING ADVICE TO PATIENTS THAT WE THINK THEY WILL NOT LIKE; AND IN BEING SO, A POOR NEUROTIC SLIDES ON YEAR AFTER YEAR, AND ONLY TOO LIKELY BECOMES EVENTUALLY A WRECK AT THE HANDS OF THE PROFESSION WHICH SHOULD HAVE SAVED HIM."

THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF PSYCHOSOMATIC DISEASES, WHICH WILL COME UNDER "MENTAL DISORDER" AS DEFINED IN PART I (SECTION 4) OF THE ACT, BESIDES COMING UNDER THE CARE OF THE GENERAL PRACTITIONER, THE HOSPITAL SPECIALIST AND THE PSYCHIATRIST, MAY PERHAPS BE TACKLED ALSO BY THE LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY STAFF AND MAY BE A GOOD REASON TO PRESS ON FOR BETTER HEALTH CENTRES OR POLY-CLINICS OR SOMETHING LIKE THEM, FAIRLY AND EVENLY PLACED IN THE COMMUNITY. THERE, THE EARLIER RECOGNITION OF PSYCHOSOMATIC DISORDERS, THE CARRYING OUT OF THE NECESSARY TESTS TO PROVE TO THE PATIENT HE HAS NO PHYSICAL DISEASE AND SUCCESSFUL PSYCHOTHERAPY MAY, ONE DAY, BE POSSIBLE; TO THE BENEFIT NOT ONLY OF THE PATIENT, BUT TO THE REST OF THE HOUSEHOLD AND FAMILY AS WELL.

REFERENCES. THE MENTAL HEALTH ACT, 1959, ELIZABETH II, CHAPTER 72, H.M.S.O. SOME COMMON PSYCHOSOMATIC MANIFESTATIONS, J. BARRIE MURRAY M.A., M.D., M.R.C.P. THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS.

I AM, MRS. BAKER AND GENTLEMEN,

YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT,

R. A. HOEY

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

B I R T H S 1 9 6 0

THE BIRTHS REGISTERED DURING THE YEARS:

	<u>MALES</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>
LEGITIMATE	249	232
ILLEGITIMATE	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>
TOTALS	<u>257</u>	<u>242</u>

LIVE BIRTH RATE PER 1,000 OF THE POPULATION	...	...	...	17.73
PERCENTAGE ILLEGITIMATE TO LEGITIMATE	...	...	...	3.74
STILLBIRTHS	...	...	...	18
STILLBIRTH RATE PER 1,000 LIVE AND STILLBIRTHS		...	...	34.8
TOTAL LIVE AND STILLBIRTHS	...	...	...	517

D E A T H S 1 9 6 0

NO. OF DEATHS DURING YEAR	...	...	...	...	...	296
THE DEATH RATE AFTER CORRECTION OF INWARD AND OUTWARD TRANSFERS						10.5

DEATH RATE FOR THE PREVIOUS YEARS MAY BE COMPARED:

<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1960</u>
10.51	11.68	11.55	11.34	11.16	11.85	10.15	10.83	10.5

INFANTILE MORTALITY

DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER ONE YEAR

UNDER 1 WEEK	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
1 - 2 WEEKS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
2 - 3 WEEKS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
3 - 4 WEEKS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0

TOTAL UNDER ONE MONTH 10

1 - 3 MONTHS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
3 - 6 MONTHS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
6 - 9 MONTHS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
9 - 12 MONTHS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3

TOTAL 8

INFANTILE MORTALITY RATE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS	...	...	36.1
INFANTILE MORTALITY RATE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS - LEGITIMATE			37.4
INFANTILE MORTALITY RATE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS - ILLEGITIMATE			NIL
NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS			
(FIRST 4 WEEKS)	...	...	19.9

DEATHS FROM ZYMOTIC DISEASES

NIL

MATERNAL MORTALITY

PER 1,000 BIRTHS (LIVE AND STILL):

BEDWELLTY	...	...	...	...	NIL
MONMOUTH COUNTY	...	...	...	...	NIL

CAUSES OF DEATH 1960

CAUSE	MALES	FEMALES
TUBERCULOSIS (RESPIRATORY)	2	1
TUBERCULOSIS (OTHER)	-	1
MEASLES	-	-
SYPHILITIC DISEASES	1	-
DIPHTHERIA	-	-
WHOOPING COUGH	-	-
POLIOMYELITIS	-	-
MENINGOCOCCAL INFECTIONS	-	-
PARASITE DISEASE	-	1
CANCER (STOMACH)	4	2
CANCER (LUNG)	8	-
CANCER (BREAST)	-	2
CANCER (UTERUS)	-	1
CANCER (OTHER SITES)	13	6
LEUKAEMIA	-	-
DIABETES	2	3
VASCULAR LESIONS OF NERVOUS SYSTEM	15	28
CORONARY DISEASE - ANGINA	28	16
HYPERTENSION WITH HEART DISEASE	3	6
OTHER HEART DISEASES	19	19
OTHER CIRCULATORY DISEASES	4	6
INFLUENZA	1	1
PNEUMONIA	11	2
BRONCHITIS	22	3
OTHER RESPIRATORY DISEASES	10	2
ULCER OF STOMACH AND DUODENUM	3	2
GASTRITIS, ENTERITIS, DIARRHOEA	-	-
NEPHRITIS AND NEPHROSIS	-	1
HYPERPLASIA OF PROSTATE	1	-
PREGNANCY, CHILDBIRTH, ABORTION	-	-
CONGENITAL MALFORMATIONS	3	3
OTHER DEFINED AND ILLDEFINED DISEASES	10	11
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	1	1
OTHER ACCIDENTS	9	5
SUICIDE	2	1
TOTALS	172	124

CAUSES OF DEATH UNDER ONE YEAR

CAUSE	UNDER 1 WEEK	1 TO 2 WEEKS	2 TO 3 WEEKS	3 TO 4 WEEKS	4 WEEKS TO 3 MONTHS	3 TO 6 MONTHS	6 TO 9 MONTHS	9 TO 12 MONTHS	TOTAL
PREMATURITY	6	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	8
PNEUMONIA	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
CIRCULATORY DISEASES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
MENINGOCOCCAL INFECTION	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
GASTRO ENTERITIS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
BRONCHITIS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
CONVULSIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
VIOLENCE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
OTHER CAUSES	2	1	-	-	1	1	-	2	7
TOTAL	8	2	-	-	2	2	1	3	18

TUBERCULOSIS

OCCUPATIONAL INCIDENCE OF TUBERCULOSIS

MALES

OCCUPATION	PULMONARY	NON-PULMONARY
O.A.P.	1	-
SCHOOL AGE	1	-
UNDER SCHOOL AGE	1	-
MINER	3	-
LABOURER	2	-
LORRY DRIVER	1	-
FACTORY WORKER	2	-
BREWERY WORKER	1	-
UNEMPLOYED	2	-
UNKNOWN	2	-

FEMALES

HOUSEWIFE	7	-
NURSE TRAINEE	1	-
FACTORY WORKER	2	-
UNDER SCHOOL AGE	3	-

HOSPITAL AND SANATORIUM TREATMENT

OF CASES OF TUBERCULOSIS

HOSPITAL	PULMONARY CASES		NON-PULMONARY CASES	
	ADMITTED	DISCHARGED	ADMITTED	DISCHARGED
GLAN ELY	6	7	2	3
S. WALES SAN., TALGARTH	4	4	-	-
GELLIGAER HOSPITAL	8	6	-	1
CEFN MABLY	1	1	-	-
SULLY HOSPITAL	9	3	-	-
TOTAL	28	21	2	4

MONTHLY INCIDENCE OF
NOTIFICATION OF TUBERCULOSIS

	PULMONARY CASES	NON-PULMONARY CASES
JANUARY	-	-
FEBRUARY	8	-
MARCH	5	-
APRIL	1	-
MAY	1	-
JUNE	-	-
JULY	6	-
AUGUST	3	-
SEPTEMBER	1	-
OCTOBER	2	-
NOVEMBER	1	-
DECEMBER	-	-
	28	0

COMPARISON OF NOTIFICATIONS AND DEATHS
FROM PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS DURING THE
LAST TEN YEARS

YEAR	FORMAL NOTIFICATIONS	DEATHS
1951	46	10
1952	38	9
1953	34	11
1954	37	2
1955	38	3
1956	26	3
1957	26	1
1958	34	9
1959	14	10
1960	28	3

TUBERCULOSIS

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY

THE FOLLOWING TABLE SHOWS THE NEW CASES OF TUBERCULOSIS AND DEATHS FROM THE DISEASE DURING 1960.

NEW CASES						DEATHS						
AGE PERIOD IN YEARS	PULMONARY			NON-PULMONARY			PULMONARY			NON-PULMONARY		
	M	F	TOTAL	M	F	TOTAL	M	F	TOTAL	M	F	TOTAL
0 - 5	1	3	4	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0
6 - 14	1	-	1	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0
15 - 24	1	3	4	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0
25 - 44	4	4	8	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0
45 - 64	7	3	10	-	-	0	2	1	3	-	1	1
65 AND OVER	1	-	1	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0
TOTAL	15	13	28	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	1	1

DISTRIBUTION OF CASES OF PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS

ACCORDING TO AGE GROUPS

IN THE PAST 12 YEARS

YEAR	AGE GROUP		
	1 - 5 YRS	6 - 15 YRS	16 & OVER
1949	2	4	37
1950	2	1	29
1951	3	4	29
1952	1	1	36
1953	3	4	25
1954	3	2	32
1955	-	4	34
1956	1	7	18
1957	2	4	20
1958	1	5	19
1959	3	1	10
1960	4	1	23

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

REGISTRATION WARDS AND QUARTERS DURING 1960

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE	TOTALS	PHILLIPS TOWN	NEW TREDEGAR	ABERBARGOED	PENGAM	CENFFOREST	BLACKWOOD	ARGOEED	MARKHAM	HOLLYBUSH	QUARTERS 1 2 3 4
SCARLET FEVER	2	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1 - - 1
OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	- 1 - -
TOTALS	3	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	1 1 - 1

THE CASES OF SCARLET FEVER WERE IN THE AGE GROUP
5 - 10 YEARS.

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
(TELEPHONE: BARGOED 2137) MUNICIPAL OFFICES,
ABERBARGOED,
BARGOED, GLAM.
21ST AUGUST, 1961.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
BEDWELLY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

MR. CHAIRMAN, MRS. BAKER AND GENTLEMEN,

I HAVE PLEASURE IN SUBMITTING MY ANNUAL REPORT
ON THE WORK DONE IN MY DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1960.

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NOTICES SERVED UNDER
PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 1936

1. SECTIONS 92 - 93 (ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES, REPAIRS TO PROPERTY)
- | | | | |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| INFORMAL NOTICES | ... | ... | 167 |
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3. SECTION 138 (PROVISION OF SUFFICIENT WATER SUPPLY TO HOUSES).. 1

HOUSES IN CLEARANCE AREAS AND UNFIT HOUSES ELSEWHERE

A. HOUSES DEMOLISHED

IN CLEARANCE AREAS

1. HOUSES UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION
2. HOUSES INCLUDED BY REASON OF BAD ARRANGEMENT.
3. HOUSES ON LAND ACQUIRED UNDER SECTION 43 (2) HOUSING ACT, 1957.

NOT IN CLEARANCE AREAS

4. AS A RESULT OF FORMAL OR INFORMAL PROCEDURE UNDER SECTION 17 (1) HOUSING ACT, 1957.
5. LOCAL AUTHORITY OWNED HOUSES CERTIFIED UNFIT BY THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
6. HOUSES UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION WHERE ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN UNDER LOCAL ACTS.
7. UNFIT HOUSES INCLUDED IN UNFITNESS ORDERS

B. UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED

8. UNDER SECTIONS 16 (4), 17 (1) AND 35 (1) HOUSING ACT, 1957.
9. UNDER SECTIONS 17(3) AND 26, HOUSING ACT, 1957.
10. PARTS OF BUILDING CLOSED UNDER SECTION 18, HOUSING ACT, 1957.

HOUSES DEMOLISHED	DISPLACED	
	PERSONS	FAMILIES
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
4	2	1
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
2	11	2
-	-	-
-	-	-

C. UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT AND HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED

11. AFTER INFORMAL ACTION BY LOCAL AUTHORITY
12. AFTER FORMAL NOTICE UNDER (A) PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS
(B) SECTIONS 9 & 16
HOUSING ACT, 1957.
13. UNDER SECTION 24, HOUSING ACT, 1957.

BY OWNER	BY L.A.
49	-
79	-
-	-
-	-

HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959

A. STANDARD GRANTS

THE OPERATION OF STANDARD GRANTS UNDER THE ABOVE ACT IS CARRIED OUT BY THE DEPARTMENT. THERE HAS BEEN A STEADY FLOW OF APPLICATIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND NEARLY ALL OF THESE HAVE BEEN VALID. ALL APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN FROM OWNER/OCCUPIERS EXCEPT IN TWO CASES AND IN THESE, NO WORK HAS YET BEEN COMMENCED.

THE NUMBER OF VALID APPLICATIONS APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL DURING 1960 WAS 36.

SINCE THE COMING INTO OPERATION OF THE ACT, FORTY HOUSES HAVE BEEN EQUIPPED WITH THE STANDARD AMENITIES (BATH IN BATHROOM, WASH HAND BASIN, HOT WATER SUPPLY, FOODSTORE, AND INTERNAL OR CONTIGUOUS W.C.).

INSPECTIONS HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER IMPROVEMENTS TO ENSURE THAT THE WORK IS CARRIED OUT TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY.

GREATER ADVANTAGE COULD BE TAKEN OF THIS ACT BY THE OWNERS TO EQUIP THEIR HOUSES AND IT IS REGRETTABLE THAT OWNERS, OTHER THAN OWNER/OCCUPIERS ARE NOT CARRYING OUT IMPROVEMENTS.

B. DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

INITIAL INSPECTIONS, INCLUDING THE "12 POINT STANDARD OF FITNESS" AND REPAIRS OTHER THAN IMPROVEMENTS, ARE MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT AND INSPECTIONS OF THIS TYPE WERE MADE AT 13 PROPERTIES DURING THE YEAR.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

THERE IS ONE SMALL COMMON LODGING HOUSE IN THE BLACKWOOD WARD AND THIS IS USED MAINLY FOR SHORT PERIODS. THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF OCCUPANTS IS 10.

CINEMAS

DURING THE YEAR THREE CINEMAS CLOSED AND THE TWO REMAINING CINEMAS WERE INSPECTED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. TWO LETTERS WERE SENT, CALLING THE ATTENTION OF THE MANAGEMENT TO DEFECTS IN THE SANITARY ACCOMMODATION.

OTHER PLACES OF ENTERTAINMENT

MINERS' WELFARE INSTITUTES AND BILLIARD HALLS ARE INSPECTED MAINLY FOR ADEQUACY AND CONDITION OF SANITARY ACCOMMODATION, WHILST AT THE DANCE HALLS ATTENTION IS ALSO PAID TO FOOD HYGIENE REQUIREMENTS WHERE REFRESHMENTS ARE PROVIDED.

A LETTER WAS SENT IN RESPECT OF DEFECTS OF SANITARY ACCOMMODATION AT ONE INSTITUTE. COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF ANOTHER INSTITUTE WERE MET AND ADVICE GIVEN ON THE REQUIREMENTS OF PROPER MEANS OF EGRESS IN CASE OF FIRE.

WATER SUPPLY

THE RHYMNEY VALLEY PORTION OF THE AREA IS SUPPLIED BY THE RHYMNEY VALLEY WATER BOARD AND THE WATER SUPPLY FOR THE SIRHOWY VALLEY IS PURCHASED FROM THE TREDEGAR URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ROUTINE SAMPLING OF BOTH SUPPLIES HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT TWICE MONTHLY.

No. OF SAMPLES TAKEN IN

(A) RHYMNEY VALLEY	-	24	(2 SHOWED SLIGHT CONTAMINATION)
(B) SIRHOWY VALLEY	-	25	(1 SLIGHT CONTAMINATION)

AT MANMOEL, WATER IS PUMPED TO A STORAGE TANK, BEFORE BEING PIPED TO THE HOUSES. EVIDENCE OF SLIGHT CONTAMINATION WAS FOUND ON SAMPLING THIS SUPPLY. THE STORAGE TANK WAS CLEANED AND IS NOW REGULARLY FLUSHED TO ENSURE FREEDOM FROM SEDIMENT ETC. SUBSEQUENT SAMPLES WERE SATISFACTORY.

WATER SUPPLY TO ONE HOUSE WAS INVESTIGATED AND IT WAS FOUND THAT THE ONLY SUPPLY WAS FROM A SHALLOW WELL. SAMPLES OF THIS WATER WERE TAKEN AND FOUND TO BE GROSSLY CONTAMINATED.

IMMEDIATE INSTRUCTIONS WERE GIVEN TO THE TENANT TO BOIL THE WATER BEFORE USE AND A NOTICE WAS SERVED ON THE OWNER TO PROVIDE A PIPED WATER SUPPLY.

CHEMICALLY, THE WATER THROUGHOUT THE AREA IS SATISFACTORY.

BACK LANES

ONCE AGAIN, IT IS TO BE DEPLORED THAT MANY BACK LANES ARE IN A SHOCKING STATE OF POLLUTION WITH HOUSEHOLD REFUSE. MUCH VALUABLE TIME HAS BEEN SPENT BY INSPECTORS TRYING TO APPREHEND PEOPLE WHO ARE COMMITTING THIS OFFENCE.

CIRCULAR LETTERS TO OCCUPIERS AND WARNING NOTICES HAVE BEEN MOSTLY UNAVAILING, AND ENSUING RAT INFESTATION IN ONE DISTRICT HAS BEEN A LOGICAL SEQUEL.

PET ANIMALS ACT 1951

THERE IS NO LICENSED PET SHOP IN THIS AREA.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION - CLEAN AIR ACT 1956

BELOW IS A TABLE SHOWING THE TONS PER SQUARE MILE DEPOSIT OF INSOLUBLE MATTER AT THE ABERBARGOED COLLECTING POINT. THE FIGURES FOR 1960 ARE SLIGHTLY LOWER THAN THOSE FOR THE PREVIOUS YEAR - 18.5 TONS/SQ. MILE AVERAGE, COMPARED WITH 19.8.

TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE GREATER RAINFALL IN 1960, THERE IS EVIDENCE OF LESS ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION OVERALL.

	<u>RAINFALL "</u>	<u>TONS PER SQ. MILE</u>
JANUARY	6.08	25.32
FEBRUARY	4.73	24.43
MARCH	3.57	15.70
APRIL	2.99	11.19
MAY	1.78	18.65
JUNE	1.90	16.08
JULY	5.13	16.90
AUGUST	5.26	12.97
SEPTEMBER	6.27	16.19
OCTOBER	7.71	12.63
NOVEMBER	9.48	34.60
DECEMBER	4.13	17.38

FACTORIES ACTS 1937 - 59

THE ABOVE ACT IMPOSES A DUTY ON LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO MAKE ROUTINE INSPECTIONS OF ALL FACTORIES IN THEIR AREA.

IN FACTORIES WHERE NO MECHANICAL POWER IS USED, DISTRICT COUNCILS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT RELATING TO VENTILATION, TEMPERATURE, DRAINAGE, OVERCROWDING, CLEANLINESS AND SANITARY ACCOMMODATION - THERE ARE 5 SUCH FACTORIES.

IN FACTORIES WHERE MECHANICAL POWER IS USED DISTRICT COUNCILS ARE ONLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT RELATING TO SANITARY ACCOMMODATION - THERE ARE 59 SUCH FACTORIES.

DURING THE YEAR ALL THESE FACTORIES HAVE BEEN INSPECTED WITH REGARD TO THE ABOVE PROVISIONS AND FOUND TO BE GENERALLY SATISFACTORY.

PREScribed PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH.

PREMISES	NUMBER ON REGISTER	INSPECT- IONS	NUMBER OF WRITTEN NOTICES	OCCUPIERS PROSECUTED
1. FACTORIES IN WHICH SECTIONS 1, 2, 3, 4 AND 6 ARE TO BE ENFORCED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES	5	5	-	-
2. FACTORIES NOT INCLUDED IN (1) IN WHICH SECTION 7 IS ENFORCED BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY	59	70	1	-
3. OTHER PREMISES IN WHICH SECTION 7 IS ENFORCED BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY (EXCLUDING OUTWORKERS' PREMISES)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	64	75	1	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS
WERE FOUND

	FOUND	REMEDIED	REFERRED		NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH PROSECUTIONS WERE INSTITUTED
			TO H.M. INSPECTOR	BY H.M. INSPECTOR	
WANT OF CLEAN- LINESS (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
OVERCROWDING (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
UNREASONABLE TEMPERATURE (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
INADEQUATE VENTILATION (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
INEFFECTIVE DRAINAGE OF FLOORS (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
SANITARY CON- VENIENCES (S.7)					
(A) INSUFF- ICIENT	-	-	-	-	-
(B) UNSUITABLE OR DEFECT- IVE	1	1	-	-	-
(C) NOT SEPAR- ATE FOR SEXES	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER OFFENCES AGAINST THE ACT (NOT INCLUDING OFFENCES RELATING TO OUT-WORK)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	1	1	-	-	-

OUTWORKERS (SECTION 110 - 111)

THERE IS NO INDUSTRY IN THE AREA EMPLOYING
OUTWORKERS.

3. MEANS OF ESCAPE IN CASE OF FIRE

DUTIES UNDER THIS SECTION HAVE NOW BEEN
TRANSFERRED TO MON. COUNTY FIRE SERVICE. EXISTING SCHEDULES,
PLANS ETC. OF FACTORIES REQUIRING CERTIFICATES HAVE BEEN HANDED
TO THAT AUTHORITY.

RODENT CONTROL

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949

REGULAR SURVEYS AS REQUIRED BY THE ABOVE ACT HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT BY THE RODENT OPERATOR. DISINFESTATION OF RATS AND MICE HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT AT PRIVATE AND BUSINESS PREMISES. IN THE LATTER CASE A CHARGE IS MADE ON RESPONSIBLE PERSONS FOR TIME AND MATERIALS USED.

No. OF TREATMENTS OF BUSINESS PREMISES38
No. OF TREATMENTS OF PRIVATE DWELLINGS.....220
No. OF TREATMENTS OF L.A. PROPERTIES..... 59

No. OF SURVEYS UNDER THE ACT..... 73

REFUSE TIPS HAVE BEEN EXAMINED AND BAITED.

IN ADDITION TO THIS WORK, THE SIX-MONTHLY SEWER MAINTENANCE TREATMENTS HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT. NO MAJOR INFESTATION WAS DETECTED.

SHOPS ACT 1950

HOURS OF CLOSING AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING ATTENTION UNDER THE ABOVE ACT ARE DEALT WITH BY THE DEPARTMENT.

ALL SHOPS WERE VISITED AT LEAST ONCE DURING THE YEAR.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948 SEC. 50

BURIAL OR CREMATION OF THE DEAD

WHERE NO ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THE DISPOSAL OF A BODY, THE LOCAL AUTHORITY CARRIES OUT THE DUTY. EXPENSE MAY BE RECOVERED FROM A NEAR RELATIVE OR FROM THE ESTATE OF THE DECEASED.

ONE PERSON, FROM NEW TREDEGAR, WAS BURIED UNDER THESE CONDITIONS.

TWO UNDERTAKERS - ONE IN EACH VALLEY - ARE UNDER CONTRACT TO REMOVE THE BODY OF ANY PERSON FOUND DEAD ON A HIGHWAY, STREET OR PUBLIC PLACE, TO THE PUBLIC MORTUARY.

PUBLIC MORTUARY AND POST MORTEM ROOM

NO. OF AUTOPSIES CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR...40

THE CASES WERE FROM:-

NEW TREDEGAR.....	16
ABERBARGOED.....	9
CEFN FFOREST.....	3
PENGAM.....	6
BLACKWOOD.....	2
MARKHAM.....	2
ARGOED.....	2
OUTSIDE AREAS.....	0

A FEE OF 2 GUINEAS IS PAID BY THE CORONER
ON EACH OCCASION FOR THE CLEANING OF THE POST MORTEM ROOM.

THE PART-TIME ATTENDANT IS MR. ELIAS JONES.

RENT ACT 1957

1. NO. OF APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF DISREPAIR RECEIVED IN 1960.....	2
2. NO. OF UNDERTAKINGS RECEIVED BY THE COUNCIL FROM OWNERS, TO CARRY OUT REPAIRS WITHIN 6 MONTHS AFTER NOTIFICATION THAT A CERTIFICATE OF DISREPAIR WOULD BE ISSUED.....	0
3. NO. OF UNDERTAKINGS ACCEPTED BY COUNCIL.....	0
4. NO. OF CERTIFICATES OF DISREPAIR GRANTED.....	1
5. NO. OF APPLICATIONS NOT GRANTED.....	0
6. NO. OF APPLICATIONS BY OWNERS FOR CANCELLATION OF CERTIFICATE OF DISREPAIR.....	3

IN COMPARISON WITH WHEN THE ACT FIRST CAME
INTO OPERATION, VERY FEW APPLICATIONS ARE NOW MADE FOR CERTIFICATES
OF DISREPAIR.

COUNCIL HOUSES

ROUTINE INSPECTIONS ARE MADE WITH REGARD TO
(A) REPAIRS OF AN URGENT NATURE (B) CLEANLINESS. THESE REPAIRS
ARE NOTIFIED TO THE HOUSING MANAGER.

EXCEPT FOR A FEW CASES, THE GENERAL STANDARD
OF CLEANLINESS IS QUITE SATISFACTORY.

NO. OF INSPECTIONS MADE.....542

PROSPECTIVE TENANTS ARE VISITED BY YOUR INSPECTORS TO ASCERTAIN CLEANLINESS AND THIS IS ALSO DONE WHEN THERE IS A TRANSFER OF TENANCY FROM ONE COUNCIL HOUSE TO ANOTHER.

No. OF PROSPECTIVE TENANTS VISITED.....49
No. OF TRANSFERS INSPECTED.....41
No. OF VACANT COUNCIL HOUSES INSPECTED.....31
No. OF VACANT COUNCIL HOUSES DISINFESTED..... 0

I AM INDEBTED TO MR. DAYNES, HOUSING MANAGER, FOR THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:-

No. OF COUNCIL HOUSES AT 31/12/60..... 2,102

No. OF APPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL HOUSES:-

	IN APARTMENTS	OTHERS
ABERBARGOED	122	37
ARGOED	59	22
BLACKWOOD	104	48
CEFN FFOREST	62	9
NEW TREDEGAR	55	43
PENGAM	65	49
	467	208

SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

ONLY A FEW OUTLYING HOUSES IN THE AREA ARE NOT ON THE WATER-CARRIAGE SYSTEM WHICH DRAINS INTO THE RHYMNEY VALLEY AND SIRHOWY VALLEY TRUNK SEWERS. THESE SEWERS HAVE A SEA-OUTFALL.

SUPERVISION OF FOOD SUPPLIES

(A) FOOD SHOPS AND STORES - UNSOUND FOODS

THE FOLLOWING FOODS FOUND UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION AT FOOD SHOPS AND STORES, WERE CONDEMNED AND DESTROYED. THIS FOOD WAS SURRENDERED BY THE SHOPKEEPERS DURING REGULAR INSPECTION OF THE SHOPS.

<u>MEAT</u>	<u>LBS.</u>	<u>CANNED FISH</u>	<u>TINS</u>
PORK	12	PILCHARDS	36
BACON	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	SALMON	42
BEEF	130		
GAMMON	8		
HAM	1 $\frac{1}{2}$		

<u>TINNED FRUIT</u>	<u>TINS</u>	<u>CANNED MEAT</u>	<u>TINS</u>
APRICOTS	9	Ox TONGUE	2
BILBERRIES	24	LUNCHEON MEAT	27
FRUIT JUICE	11	CORNEB BEEF	54
FRUIT SALAD	36	PORK LUNCHEON	22
GOOSEBERRIES	12	COOKED HAM	64
GRAPEFRUIT	20	STEWED STEAK	6
ORANGES	2	MINCED BEEF LOAF	28
PEACHES	63	PORK ROLL	1
PEARS	119	PORK BRAWN	1
PINEAPPLES	88	JELLIED VEAL	6
PLUMS	31	TONGUE	7
PRUNES	1		
RASPBERRIES	2		
STRAWBERRIES	2		

OTHER FOODS

APPLES	7 LBS	BEANS	11 TINS
BEETROOT	1 TIN	CARROTS	10 TINS
PEAS	21 TINS	TOMATOES	339 TINS
KIPPERS	8 BOXES	CRUMPETS	21 PKTS
BUTTER	25 $\frac{1}{4}$ LBS.	BISCUITS	45 PKTS
CHEESE	8 LBS.	CREAM	3 TINS
CAKE	1 LB.	COFFEE	1 POT
CHOCOLATE SPREAD	8 JARS	EGGS	26
JAM	1 POT	FLOUR	4 LB.
MILK	62 TINS	PASTE	2 POTS
PIES	2	SUGAR	6 LB.
HAVE	7 LB.	SOUP	71 TINS
BABY FOOD	11 TINS	PICKLES	12 JARS
RICE	8 TINS		

APPROX. TOTAL WEIGHT OF CONDEMNED FOOD.....2 TONS 13 CWTS 7 LBS.

(B) BUTCHERS' SHOPS AND COOKED MEATS PREPARATION ROOMS

THESE PREMISES HAVE BEEN INSPECTED DURING THE YEAR, TOGETHER WITH ANY ATTACHED SAUSAGE MAKING ROOMS. IT WAS NECESSARY TO BRING THE ATTENTION OF THE BUTCHERS TO SEVERAL MATTERS, ALTHOUGH IN GENERAL, FROM A FOOD HYGIENE POINT OF VIEW, THE PREMISES WERE SATISFACTORY.

THE MAIN DEFECTS WERE THE STORAGE OF ARTICLES AND MATERIALS WHICH WERE NOT REQUIRED IN THE PROCESSES CARRIED ON IN THE FOOD PREPARING ROOMS, AND THE NEED FOR RE-DECORATION AT SOME PREMISES.

No. OF PREMISES.....21
No. OF NOTICES SERVED..... 8

THESE WERE FOR THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:-

REMOVAL OF ARTICLES NOT CONNECTED WITH FOOD PREPARATION.....3
REDECORATION.....3
IMPERVIOUS COVERING OF SURFACES.....3
PROVISION OF REFUSE BIN.....1
PROVISION OF FIRST AID BOX.....1
PROVISION OF "WASH YOUR HANDS" NOTICE.....1
REPAIRS.....1

THESE ITEMS WERE COMPLIED WITH WHEN ALL THE PREMISES WERE INSPECTED LATER.

(C) CAFES AND RESTAURANTS

ROUTINE VISITS HAVE BEEN MADE AT ALL CAFES AND RESTAURANTS. ALL COMPLIED WITH THE REGULATIONS AT THE TIME OF INSPECTION.

(D) ICE CREAM AND ICE CREAM PREMISES

THE NUMBER OF PREMISES REGISTERED FOR THE SALE OF ICE-CREAM WAS INCREASED BY 13 DURING THE YEAR, MAKING A TOTAL OF 109 SHOPS, CAFES, PUBLIC HOUSES AND SIMILAR PREMISES NOW SELLING ICE-CREAM. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT OVER 70% OF THE PRODUCT SOLD IS OF THE PROPRIETARY TYPE MADE BY THE LARGER FIRMS.

DURING THE MONTHS OF MAY TO SEPTEMBER, REGULAR ROUTINE SAMPLING HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT, WITH VERY ENCOURAGING RESULTS, AS WILL BE SEEN IN THE TABLE GIVEN BELOW.

REGULAR INSPECTIONS WERE MADE AT PREMISES WHERE ICE-CREAM IS MADE AND I AM PLEASED TO REPORT THAT CONDITIONS ARE GENERALLY SATISFACTORY.

52 SAMPLES WERE TAKEN FOR BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION - MOSTLY OF ICE-CREAM MANUFACTURED IN THIS AREA. ONLY TWO SAMPLES FELL INTO THE PROVISIONAL GRADE IV, WHILST 42 WERE GRADE I. OWING TO THE NUMEROUS FACTORS GOVERNING THE HYGIENIC QUALITY OF ICE-CREAM, JUDGMENT SHOULD BE BASED ON A SERIES OF SAMPLES AND IT IS SUGGESTED THAT OVER A SIX-MONTHLY PERIOD 50% OF VENDORS SAMPLES SHOULD BE GRADE I, 80% IN GRADES I OR II, NOT MORE THAN 20% IN GRADE III AND NONE IN GRADE IV.

SERIES OF SAMPLES WERE TAKEN IN RESPECT OF EVERY VENDOR/MANUFACTURER AND FROM THE PROGRESSIVE RESULTS CO-ORDINATED WITH INSPECTIONS, THERE IS EVERY REASON TO BE SATISFIED WITH MANUFACTURE OF ICE-CREAM IN THIS AREA.

NO. OF SAMPLES TAKEN.....52

OF THESE 42 WERE GRADE I
 1 WAS GRADE II
 7 WERE GRADE III
 2 WERE GRADE IV

GRADING OF SAMPLES								
VENDOR	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH	6TH	7TH	TYPE OF ICE-CREAM
A	1	1	1	1	1			HEAT TREATED
B	1	1	1	1				COLD MIX
C	1	1	2	1	3			HEAT TREATED
D	1	1	1	1				HEAT TREATED
E	1	1	1	1	1			COLD MIX
F	1	1	1	1	4	3		HEAT TREATED
G	3	1	1	3				COLD MIX
H	3	1	4	1	3	1	3	HEAT TREATED
I	1	1	1	1				COLD MIX
J	1	1	1	1				COLD MIX

FOUR SAMPLES HAVE ALSO BEEN TAKEN FROM THE LARGER FIRMS. THESE HAVE BEEN SATISFACTORY.

(E) SCHOOL CANTEENS

INSPECTIONS HAVE BEEN MADE AT THE SCHOOL CANTEENS IN THE AREA. THE STANDARD OF HYGIENE IS BEING MAINTAINED AT THESE PREMISES, ALTHOUGH VENTILATION COULD BE IMPROVED. SOME RE-DECORATION HAS BEEN REQUESTED AT FIVE CANTEENS. PERSONNEL EMPLOYED ARE CO-OPERATING IN CARRYING OUT THEIR WORK IN A HYGIENIC MANNER.

(F) PITHEAD CANTEENS AND FACTORY CANTEENS

THREE PITHEAD AND THREE FACTORY CANTEENS HAVE BEEN REGULARLY EXAMINED. ALL PREMISES ARE KEPT TO A SATISFACTORY STANDARD, MINOR DEFECTS BEING REPORTED AND RECEIVING ATTENTION FORTHWITH.

(G) FRIED FISH AND CHIP SHOPS

IT WAS NOT NECESSARY TO SERVE ANY LETTERS POINTING OUT CONTRAVENTIONS OF THE FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1960 IN RESPECT OF ANY OF THE ELEVEN FRIED FISH AND CHIP SHOPS IN THE AREA. INSPECTIONS WERE MADE DURING AND OUT OF TRADE HOURS AND THE PROPRIETORS ARE CO-OPERATING WITH THE DEPARTMENT IN PROVIDING HYGIENIC FACILITIES.

(H) PUBLIC HOUSES AND CLUBS

THERE ARE 31 PUBLIC HOUSES AND 22 CLUBS IN THE AREA. PERIODICAL INSPECTIONS HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR AND CONDITIONS WERE FOUND TO BE GENERALLY SATISFACTORY AND COMPLIED WITH THE FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS.

(I) MILK SUPPLY

LICENSING OF DEALERS IS BEING TAKEN OVER BY THE FOOD AND DRUGS AUTHORITY (THE MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL) ON THE 1ST JANUARY, 1961. MILK SUPPLIES WERE SAMPLED AND 103 SAMPLES WERE TAKEN FOR EXAMINATION BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY, NEWPORT.

THREE SAMPLES WERE NOT UP TO THE REQUIRED STANDARD, AND THE DEALERS WERE NOTIFIED REQUIRING AN EXPLANATION.

ON A FEW OCCASIONS OUR ATTENTION WAS DRAWN TO SOME EXTRANEIOUS OBJECTS IN BOTTLES OF MILK. IN THESE CASES WHERE THE MILK APPEARED TO BE "NOT OF THE NATURE, SUBSTANCE OR QUALITY DEMANDED", THE COUNTY FOOD AND DRUGS DEPARTMENT WERE NOTIFIED IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY TAKE ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION.

(J) MEAT INSPECTION

THERE IS NO ABATTOIR IN THE AREA, THE MEAT BEING IMPORTED FROM SURROUNDING AREAS.

SUBSEQUENT TO CONSULTATIONS WITH INTERESTED PERSONS AND BODIES, THE REPORT ON SLAUGHTERHOUSE FACILITIES AS REQUIRED BY THE SLAUGHTERHOUSE (REPORTS) DIRECTION 1959, WAS SUBMITTED TO THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD IN JUNE, 1959. THE REPORT IS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICES, ABERBARGOED. IN SUBSTANCE, THE REPORT STATES THAT THERE APPEARED TO BE LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF CHANGE IN THE GENERAL PATTERN OF SLAUGHTERHOUSE FACILITIES OVER THE SURVEYED AREA AS A WHOLE, BUT THAT SHOULD NEIGH-

BOURING AUTHORITIES CONTEMPLATE THE PROVISION OF A PUBLIC SLAUGHTERHOUSE IN ONE OF THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS, THE COUNCIL WOULD GIVE CONSIDERATION TO THEIR POLICY WHEN THAT TIME ARRIVED.

THE COOPERATIVE WHOLESALE SOCIETY HAVE OFFERED FACILITIES TO INDIVIDUAL BUTCHERS AT THEIR ABATTOIR AT MAESYCWMMER.

(K) FOOD SHOPS

FOOD SHOPS, SUCH AS GROCERS, STORES ETC. HAVE BEEN VISITED REGULARLY. ON THE WHOLE CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN UP TO STANDARD, BUT IN A FEW CASES, THERE IS ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT. IT APPEARS THAT THE MULTIPLICITY OF VARIETIES OF GOODS OFFERED BY SOME SHOPS DOES NOT LEND ITSELF TO THE HYGIENIC STORAGE AND DISPLAY OF FOODS. MANAGERS HAVE BEEN ADVISED ON THIS MATTER AND IN TWO CASES, WARNINGS WERE GIVEN, TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR, THAT POLICE COURT PROCEEDINGS WOULD BE TAKEN IF CONDITIONS DID NOT APPRECIABLY IMPROVE.

(L) FOOD POISONING

THERE WAS NO OUTBREAK OF FOOD POISONING RECORDED IN 1960.

(M) FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1955 - SAMPLING OF FOODS FOR ADULTERATION

THIS WORK IS DONE BY THE FOOD AND DRUGS AUTHORITY FOR THE AREA - MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL. BELOW IS AN EXTRACT OF THE REPORT OF THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES INSPECTOR OF THE COUNTY (MR. R. J. BULLEN).

"SAMPLES TAKEN: 51 MILK, 43 OTHER FOODS,
5 ICE CREAM, 4 BEER,
TOTAL SAMPLES 103.

THE PUBLIC ANALYST CERTIFIED ALL SAMPLES TO BE GENUINE EXCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING.

1. CONTRARY TO THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1955 A MARKHAM CONFECTIONER SOLD 1 SAMPLE OF ICE CREAM - 17.4% DEFICIENT IN FAT, AND WAS PROSECUTED, BUT GIVEN AN ABSOLUTE DISCHARGE ON PAYMENT OF £3. 3. 0d. COSTS.
2. CONTRARY TO THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1955 GLASS WAS FOUND IN A $\frac{1}{2}$ PINT BOTTLE OF SCHOOL MILK AT FAIRVIEW SECONDARY SCHOOL, PENGAM AND THE WHOLESALE DAIRYMAN CONCERNED WAS PROSECUTED AND FINED £5 WITH £3. 3. 0d. COSTS.
3. CONTRARY TO THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1955 CONCRETE WAS FOUND IN A $\frac{1}{2}$ PINT BOTTLE OF SCHOOL MILK AT MARKHAM SENIOR SCHOOL AND THE WHOLESALE DAIRYMAN CONCERNED WAS PROSECUTED AND FINED £2 WITH £3. 5. 5d. COSTS."

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DO hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears on the records of the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, at Washington, D. C.

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, I, the President of the United States, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears on the records of the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, at Washington, D. C.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the President of the United States at the City of Washington, this 1st day of January, 1901.

JOHN D. LONG, President of the United States.

By the Vice President of the United States.

By the Secretary of the Interior.

By the Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

By the Chief of the Bureau of Land Management.

(0) OPEN MARKET, BLACKWOOD

AT THE END OF THE YEAR, THE OPEN AIR MARKET AT BLACKWOOD, WHICH HAD BEEN IN OPERATION FOR FIFTY YEARS, WAS CLOSED. IN ITS PLACE, A NEW OPEN AIR MARKET HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. THE PROPRIETORS HAVE CO-OPERATED WITH THIS DEPARTMENT IN THE ARRANGEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF STALLS, IN THE PROVISION OF HOT AND COLD WATER WASHING FACILITIES AT ALL FOOD STALLS, AND IN THE PROVISION OF UP-TO-DATE SANITARY ACCOMMODATION FOR STALL-HOLDERS, IN A SEPARATE BUILDING.

THE OLD MARKET WAS REGULARLY INSPECTED AND FOOD-STUFFS EXAMINED, BUT IT WAS DIFFICULT TO ENFORCE SATISFACTORY STANDARDS UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES PREVAILING, AND IT IS TO BE HOPED THAT THE GENERAL PUBLIC WILL IN ITS PATRONAGE OF THE NEW MARKET SHOW ITS APPROVAL OF A HIGHER STANDARD OF HYGIENE.

I SHOULD LIKE TO RECORD MY APPRECIATION OF THE HELP AND CO-OPERATION GIVEN BY THE MEMBERS AND OFFICIALS, AND FOR THE KEEN APPROACH TO THE WORK SHOWN BY THE STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

I AM, MRS. BAKER AND GENTLEMEN,

YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT,

A. M. COLEMAN

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR



